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## REV. J. D. GORDON'S WANT OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS RACE

Rev. J. D. Gordon's "Emancipation Day" address fell like a wet blanket upon the thoughtful members of his audience. To them the address was a frigid disappointment. Though "right about faced, it is the same retrogressive note that he was so vigorously sounding a year ago in his "Back to Africa" wail. A year ago he was urging the Negroes here to pull up stakes and go back to Africa. With his doleful cry of "no hope, no hope in this country for the Negro," he so wrought upon the feelings of many of them, that they raised a large sum of money and sent him to Liberia, Africa, in search of a promised land. At that time he proclaimed he had lost all faith in the white man's sense of justice and the future for the Negro in this country, according to his statements held out nothing but black despair. Thus, robed in mental "sack cloth and ashes" he went about refusing to be comforted.

Well, he went to Liberia but the visit was so short, that some people think that he didn't pull off his hat there. He made the trip, well provided with funds furnished by laboring colored men and women of this community and whether his ministerial salary went on, while he was enjoying life on the "bounding tide" and seeing the sights of London and Paris we have not been informed.

On his return his same note of distress "no hope, no hope" was the major key of his report—his last proclamation, being worse than the first. When he left for Africa he had no faith in the white man—

when he left Africa he had none in the black!

### Sounds a Backward Note

Your attention, however, is called to his Emancipation Day address—the part that had such a cooling effect upon the ardor of the youthful colored business men. He said, among other things, that its a mistake for Negroes to take their trade to Negro firms as the Negroes are unable to carry them from one pay day to another. In other words, unless the Negro business men can open big houses like those on Spring and Broadway, Negroes should not patronize them. That's about the only construction that can be put upon his remarks. In the first place his statement that Negro business men cannot carry their customers from one pay day to another is erroneous. There are a number of colored grocers in the city who are not only carrying scores of Negro families from one pay day to another, but scores of families of other races as well. Rev. Gordon's ignorance on this point is doubtless due to the fact that he never patronizes a negro business establishment.

While he lives off the earnings of his own race, (Negroes) whom he says are not able to carry you from one pay day to another, what contribution morally or otherwise, has he made in aiding them to attain the condition of which he complains? For instance there is a colored tailor making suits from \$40 up, no Negro tailor makes the \$40 and \$50 suits that Rev. Gordon wears, paid for with money earned by Negroes. If the Negroes should follow Rev. Gordon's

advice he would soon have to quit preaching to engage in a less lucrative vocation. What the Negroes need are ministers who lead their flocks along the highway of race confidence instead of sounding the note of mistrust whenever the Negro and his enterprises are mentioned. Give to the Negro, ministers who will lead him to Negro business establishments as well as to the church. When all Negro pulpits are filled with broad minded, big hearted, race imbued Christian men, Negro talent and Negro enterprises will go forward by leaps and bounds—to the condition where complaints would not reach.

### BRILLIANT FABEN PHI BALL

The Charity Ball given by the Faben Phi Fraternity at Blanchards Hall on New Year's Evening was the most brilliant affair ever given in our city. The many beautiful gowns of the ladies with the contrast of the gentlemen in evening dress, the ball room beautifully decorated, music that more than charmed, all assisted to make the occasion a most memorable one.

Old timers in Los Angeles say they had never witnessed such a brilliant affair.

Every detail for the comfort of the large number of guests had been provided for and every one present went home delighted and charmed with this, the first affair of the Fraternity.

One of the pretty schemes for effectiveness was the arrangement over the stage of a festoon of elec-



tric lights set in beautiful colored Japanese lanterns that shed a delicate ray of light on the Fraternities name 'Fabem Phi, 1912' which was suspended on a purple screen in gold letters, the Fraternities colors. During the dancing of a moonlight and Twilight dance all the lights in the hall were extinguished with the exception of the ones set in this beautiful festoon, which presented a scene that was beyond description. Another feature before the first numbers on the engagement card, was the reception held by the patronesses who were seated around a white pedestal holding several pots of beautiful flowery plants where all the guests were ushered after removing their wraps. This was a decided success and at once made all present feel as one large family.

Many beautiful gowns, the creation of Worth, were worn, among them the following gowns were noticed: Mrs. Ankrum, blue satin with spangles and ornaments of diamonds; Miss M. Baker, white chiffon over white satin with a diamond brooch as an ornament; Mrs. John Blakeney, black crepe de chene over silk; Mrs. A. V. Childress was most becomingly robed in white satin, en train, ornamented with gold lace and for ornaments wore pearl and gold trinkets; Mrs. Hattie Cloyd of Norfolk, Va., pink mull over silk, pearls and diamonds; Miss Lucille Cosby of Chattanooga, Tenn., pale blue mull over blue satin, trimmed in real lace, necklace of diamonds; Miss Mattie Dudley of Ocean Park, California, white mull over pink, cape of pink, amethyst brooch and diamonds; Miss Georgie Elgin, lavender silk chiffon over satin, trimmed with gold fringe and lace; Miss Alice J. Eldridge of Chicago, imported lace princess over cream, satin en traine, pearl ball diamond necklace; Miss Callie Fortier, dark blue velvet, trimmed in black satin, brilliants; Mrs. Camille Gregory was most stunning in an apricot chiffon over satin with passamentrie bertha of pearl and gold beads with gold trimmings, her ornaments were diamonds and pearls; Mrs. William

Greer of St. Louis, Mo., beautiful evening gown, diamond bracelet; Miss Fay Hall, pink marsette over pink satin, corals and diamonds; Miss Jane Hobbs, of Pasadena, pink crepe, ostrich boa to match, necklace of pearls; Miss Bertie Harvey of Pasadena, blue chiffon necklace of diamonds; Miss Evelyn L. Hamilton, blue flowered chiffon over pink satin trimmed with silver fringe, diamonds and turquoise; Miss Edna Jackson of Pasadena, pink crepe de chene, cut low, diamond tierra; Mrs. J. B. Jackson, white silk, silver trimmings and chiffon; Miss M. Jasper, a gown of blue and black; Mrs. J. B. Jackson of Pasadena, black spangle net, diamonds; Mrs. R. C. John, blue satin with black lace, skirt with fringe, cut sheath style, diamonds; Mrs. Benj. Jones made a pretty picture in old point lace and net; Mrs. K. L. Johnson, pink chiffon over charmeuse, pearls and amethyst; Mrs. B. Kelley, old rose messeline, en train, corals and rubies; Mrs. Anna Madison of Altadena, California, Parisian gown of black beaded tunic over black satin and pointed train. The bodice was of cut jet with low "V" neck and was edged with creamy lace, sleeves short and edged with beaded fringe, black jet tunic being the main feature of the ensemble carried throughout; Miss Pearl Lowry was a dream in yellow messaline, hand-painted marquessette; Miss O. Locke of Long Beach, light blue satin; Miss Pauline Lloyd, rose messeline with black lace tunic, jet ornaments; Mrs. V. J. Manley of Portland, Oregon, silk marquessette with gold embroidery and bead trimmings; Mrs. Wm. Morrison, persian silk over blue charmeuse, pearls and diamonds; Mrs. L. McDuff, pink silk pongee; Mrs. Locke of Long Beach, blue messaline over blue silk, diamonds; Mrs. J. W. Oneal of Omaha, Neb., light blue silk; Miss Viola Spence, blue chiffon over blue silk, turquoise and diamonds; Mrs. Ethel Scott, black veloite in black jet and real lace, diamonds; Mrs. Marie Stewart of La Porte, Indiana, blue crepe trimmed with real lace,

gold necklace; Miss Jessie Strickland, tan evening dress; Mrs. William E. Stanton of Walla Walla, Washington, black silk with gold trimmings, diamonds; Mrs. Geo. W. Taylor, black net over blue silk, rubies; Mrs. Nellie Turner, cream silk voile over princess slip of silk, pearls and point de Spie lace; Mrs. D. L. Thomas, old rose crepe de chene over old rose silk, diamonds; Miss Edna Valentine, pink crepe de chene, gold beads; Mrs. Nelson Weatherton of Pasadena was beautifully robed in blue silk voile; and for ornaments, pearls; Miss Mamie Cunningham, blue chiffon; Mrs. Price, white satin en train; Mrs. S. B. Hill, old rose; Mrs. Bennett, gray cloth; Mrs. M. Liles, black satin trimmed with Persian trimmings, amethyst and diamonds; Miss Estelle Roberts, silk Mull with purple flowers over lavender; Mrs. Cassals, white liberty satin with gold trimmings; Mrs. Benson, black silk, with trimmings of white lace; Mrs. Willie Huggins, black velvet with spangle net; Mrs. R. C. Owens most beautifully gowned in a handsome embroidery hand painted chiffon over pink; Mrs. Cheatman, blue foulard; Mrs. Clarence Harris looked charming in white lace; Mrs. Samuel W. Thompson made a beautiful picture in battenburg over white satin and she wore diamonds; Mrs. N. Thompson of Washington, D. C., white satin; Mrs. Shields, black satin with blue trimmings; Mrs. N. Patton, white lingerie; Mrs. Blue, lavender silk; Mrs. Maddison of Pasadena looked handsome in a black satin decolete with beaded lace trimmings; Miss Allen, cluny lace; Mrs. Frank White, gray voile; Miss Estelle Everett, pink chiffon; Miss Vada Evens, white satin- Mrs. Ernest Russell was becomingly robed in gray crepe de chene cut Empire with trimmings of gray duchess satin, pearls and amethyst; Miss Esther Gray was beautifully gowned and was a perfect picture in blue silk chiffon over blue duchess silk, trimmed applique; Miss M. Lewis, pink silk, diamonds and pearls; Miss F. Palayer, blue silk, diamonds and pearls.

The following ladies were patron-



esses:—Mesdames, A. V. Childress, Camille Gregory, Clarence Harris, Benj. Jones, Malvern Liles, C. Alfonso Murdock, Reuben Matthews, Ernest Russell, Ellsworth Saunders, Samuel Thompson, Norman White and Mesdames Pierrs Jefferson, Anna Maddison and Nelson Weatherton of Pasadena and the misses Ora Bennett, Kathleen Henry, Marie Wrenn and Esther Gray.

The members of the Fraternity are:—J. Thomas Pollock—chief scribe, John A. Gray—vice-chief scribe, Benj. Jones—recording secretary, Bernard G. Gray, Treasurer, Albion D. Matthews—critic, Robert E. John—chaplain, Norman white, Anderson V. Childress, Fred J. Scott, Edward H. Wilkinson, William W. Hollman, Ernest L. Bynum, Daniel W. Pollock, David O. Cunningham, C. A. Murdock, G. A. Malanda. The members deserve much praise and credit for this, their first charity ball which in the future will be an annual affair.

The Fraternity's next affair will be a Subscription Assembly on Easter Monday, April 8th, at Blanchard's Hall. The music by McVey's full orchestra was of the highest order and gave entire satisfaction. Mac certainly was at his best.

#### A GREAT DAY AT THE LYCEUM

The first program for the New Year which was rendered last Sunday at the Lyceum, was one full of inspiration. Those taking part in the program were greeted by a large and enthusiastic audience. "My Country 'Tis of Thee," the opening song, was sung with a will, and as the melody made by those rich, mellow voices rang out on the balmy evening air it imparted new life and inspiration to all present.

In harmony with the time and occasion, the speakers and those assisting them brought a message of hope and good cheer.

Mrs. Moore's paper on what the Negro Women had contributed to American progress, was one of

great value. Its statistics and records of deeds of heroism performed by colored women in peace and war is a valuable collection that required much painstaking research. The historical data of the paper is well worth the cost of collection.

#### Allensworth

Mrs. Allensworth, one of the founders of Allensworth, California, told the audience of Allensworth, its aims, its purposes, its people, its enterprises and their attendant prosperity. It was an interesting talk full of hope and put that prosperous coming colony before the people in a very favorable light.

Besides farming, the colonists are engaged in dairying with success. Cows are sold on credit to those desiring them. The cream from the milk is taken in payment till they are paid for the purchasers having the use of the milk. In this way cows pay for themselves while furnishing food for the family.

Allensworth has a population of 176 persons, a school of 20 pupils, one colored teacher, two stores and one hotel. Allensworth is on the main line of the Sante Fe Railroad between Los Angeles and San Francisco; has a depot telegraphic and telephone communication; has a post office and a colored post master. The recent completion of a large artesian well has settled the water question, assuring an abundance of water for irrigation. The young people's banking association holds monthly meetings at which time all money saved is deposited in the bank at Delano. The vocal solo by Mrs. Mabel G. Walker Davis was warmly applauded. It was a marked feature of the program. The violin solo by Miss Besse Williams was so well received that she was compelled to reappear in response to an encore. Miss Williams is one of the most promising young musicians in the city. She spent last summer in Colorado where her musical talent was greatly admired as shown by the numerous calls where she appears before large audiences.

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Why Rev. Gordon should go to Liberia to learn that it is no place for the American Negro is a mystery. Any member of his church who reads the papers could have given him that information.

Another strange thing in this connection is, that in this city with its free schools, colleges, public libraries, newspapers, magazines, telegraphs and telephones, that enough people could be gotten together to pay the expenses of such a trip. But if you teach the people not to read the newspapers, and they follow your instruction any man can play the role of feudal lord, next door to a college.

## MAYOR ALEXANDER AND THE AFRO-AMERICAN COUNCIL

Mr. James M. Alexander, President of the state Afro-American Council, has had himself elected president of the local council. This result was brought about by his announcement that Mayor Alexander had agreed to appoint no Negro to a position unless he had the endorsement of the Council signed by him, James Alexander. There were a number of candidates for the office but it was argued that as the mayor had taken James Alexander into his confidence and would recognize no applicant for a place without his, James Alexander's endorsement, it would be folly to do other than elect Alexander. After a hot fight, Mr. Shackelford had to withdraw from the race, putting Alexander in complete control of the state and local council.

Whether or not the mayor has made Mr. James Alexander and the council his sole distributor of Negro patronage we are not in the position to say. But one thing we do know, and that is, neither Mr. Alexander or the council have supported the mayor for office of any kind since the Mayor left the Republican convention nearly ten years ago to run independently against Mr. Lauder for Supervisor. They worked against him and when the mayor was recall-candidate against Harper, the council supported Harper and when he withdrew from the race the organization under the leadership of Mr. James Alexander gave its support to Wheeler the Socialist labor candidate. The council made Smith's fight against the Mayor two years ago, and took no part in the bitter campaign last fall. In view of these facts well known to all, it is somewhat surprising that the Mayor would take the leaders of the council into his confidence knowing as he doubtless does, that he was forced to win without them in each of his campaigns.

Politics makes strange bedfellows since the Afro-American Council is announcing that "all de pie dat

de culled brudder is to git is to be dished out for de mayor by its president, Jim Alexander" as the Editor heard one of the Council's members state.

## A MAMMOTH EDITION COMING

The twelfth anniversary edition of *The Liberator* will be published April 1st. It will be a mammoth edition and will contain hundreds of portraits of the leading colored men of the state. Ministers, lawyers, Doctors, Merchants and men who are making their marks in many callings. In men who have done things, California leads the Pacific Coast. Cuts of many of the splendid homes owned by the colored people will also appear. Churches, lodges, stores and offices of our business and professional men and women will testify as to the Negro's splendid achievements in this wonderland of the great west. How a mere handful of colored people in this city grew to 20,000 in 15 years, accumulating millions of wealth will be graphically told.

This mammoth edition will be mailed to every part of the civilized world and will be a perpetual memorial of Negro achievement.

## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mr. W. J. Bowman is on the sick list. His speedy recovery is sincerely hoped for.

Revs. J. T. Hill and R. H. Wade were visitors at the Lyceum last Sunday.

Dr. Hill's great Emancipation Day address, delivered two years ago, is still fresh in the minds of those who heard him.

## MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial Services in honor of the late Rev. R. C. Bedford will be held at Wesley Chapel, Sunday evening, January 14th. The memorial address will be delivered by attorney W. O. Tyler. Mr. R. C. Owens will preside.

Everybody cordially invited.



Mrs. Anderson, son and daughter of Santa Monica were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Edmonds Sawtelle on the 7th.

The last payment of \$2,000 on the grounds of the Working Girls Home will be due March 1st. All friends of the Home are earnestly requested to make contributions at once. It is well worthy of your support.

The colored women are urged to meet as early as possible and organize a political league. The white women have organized already.

Quarterly conference will be held at Phillips' Chapel C. M. E. Church, 1406 Newton street, Sunday, Jan. 14th. Everybody welcome. Special at 3 p. m. Rev. S. L. Harris, pastor.

The Ministerial Alliance has been reorganized. It is hoped that the Alliance will make itself felt in the work of race uplift.

Owing to bad weather the Leap Year party given at the Y. M. C. A. by the Ladies auxiliary of the A. M. E. church was poorly attended.

There will be a stag party at the Y. M. C. A., Monday evening. Admission 15 cents.

Mrs. N. Cook of 907 Hemlock street who was injured by a fall some time ago is improving slowly.

Miss Bessie Fliming of Los Angeles was visiting old friends in Santa Monica this week.

Mrs. Wm. Lightning gave a delightful dinner party at her home 1307 East 33rd street on Tuesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Mays, Mr. and Mrs. Toliver, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Edmonds and Mrs. Wright a sister of Mrs. Lightning.

The East Side social Club met at the home of Mrs. Williams on East 33rd street. After a delightful

program that was rendered, refreshments were served.

Miss Edna Allen and Mr. Eugene Lucas were united in marriage at the home of the brides aunt, Mrs. Wm. Lofton, 2914 Pennsylvania Ave. It was a brilliant affair, many beautiful and useful presents were received by the happy couple. Rev. L. M. Haygood officiated.

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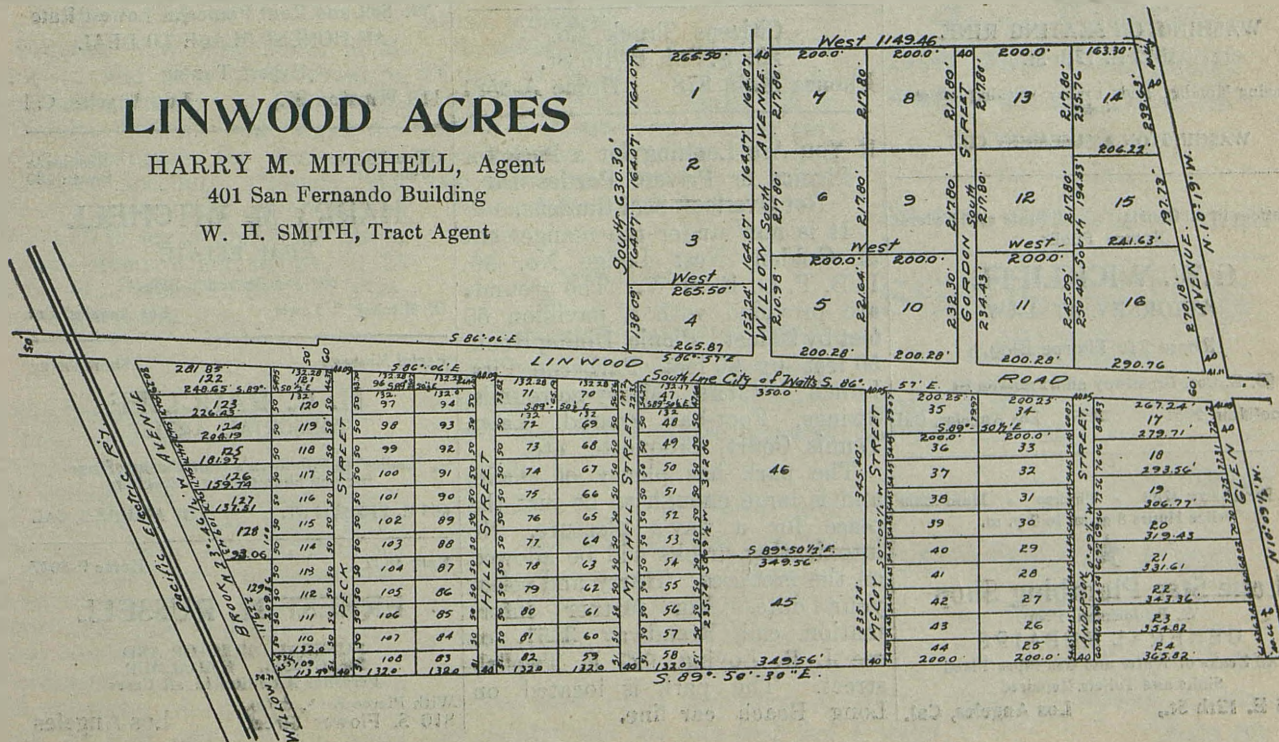
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